

**CLAIMS**

1. A workbench for preparing a workpiece intended to be machined on a machine tool, particularly numerically controlled, characterized in that it consists of:
  - a platform (8) made of granite placed horizontally on a frame (9),
  - two guide rods (10, 11) perpendicular to one another, one of which (11) is movable relative to the other (10), arranged in a parallel plane at a distance from the plane formed by the platform (8), each of the rods (10, 11) also being provided with a linear measurement system (13), and
  - a means (12) of viewing the coordinates of a point on the platform (8), said means being capable of being moved by an operator on said movable rod (11).
2. The preparation workbench as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the means (12) of viewing the coordinates of a point consists of a battery-powered laser (12) mounted on a carriage (16) capable of being moved by means of a handle (17) on the movable rod (11).
3. The preparation workbench as claimed in either one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it comprises at least one vacuum rail (15) disposed on the frame (8).